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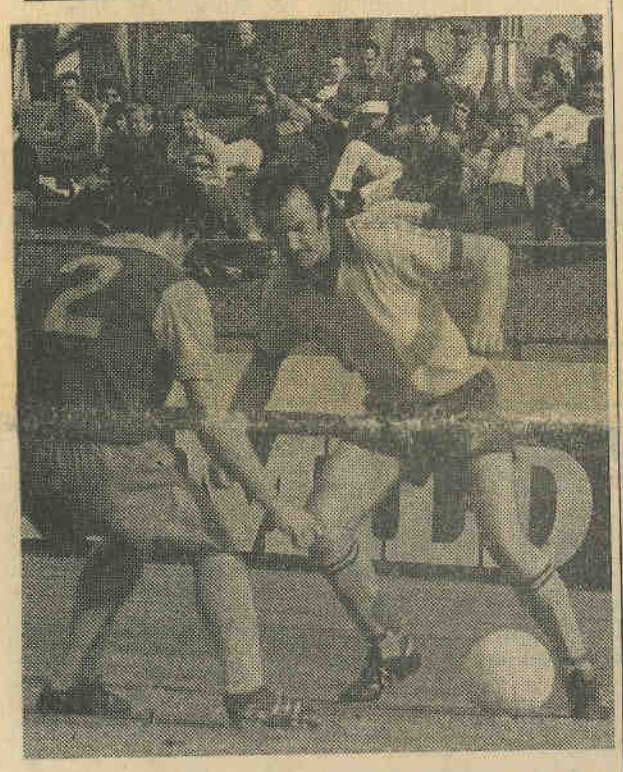
CROATIA MAY GET SHOCK IN CLOSE GRAND FINAL

— By ANDREW DETTRE —



Auburn's match-winner Andy Tracey, in action last Sunday, will be the main tormentor of favorites Croatia in Sunday's NSW Grand Final.

Cindarella Auburn, for almost two decades among the strugglers of Sydney soccer, are poised to cause the upset of the season against favorites Croatia in Sunday's NSW Ampol Championship Grand Final.

Having disposed of a very talented Sutherland and then a disjointed APIA, Auburn are in their first Grand Final since 1958 (which they lost to Canterbury) and ready to celebrate their first triumph since 1957 (which they won against Canterbury. . .)

It's hard to agree with critics who so perfunctorily dismiss the whole series as of no consequence.

The NSW State League suffers from lack of crowd support the same way Philips League clubs do in Sydney: they are travelling in the same leaking boat.

However, the standard of soccer by the two Grand Finalists is not appreciably different from some of the lower PSL clubs.

It's surprising, really, that nobody has thought of testing the relative strengths by arranging a friendly tournament between the two top NSW teams and two Sydney PSL sides.

Croatia, going on their record and individual stars, will go into the Grand Final as popular favorites.

Their loyal band of supporters will be worth another half goal advantage to them.

But Auburn are a team in the true sense of the word and Joe Marston, hero of many Grand Finals himself as player and then as coach, has timed their form to the minute.

The $2,000 first prize is incentive enough for both teams, apart from the normal pride a Grand Final win generates.

The NSW Federation expects a crowd of at least 6,000-plus at the Sportsground — respectable by today's depressed standards.

CUP FINAL SET FOR WEEK'S END

The final of the 1977 Philips Cup will be played this weekend but the announcement of the date and venue will not be made until Thursday (October 6.).

This unusual situation occurred when, in the last minute, the PSL decided to play the semifinals on Wednesday (Oct. 5) and the final a few days later instead of October 16 or October 23, as earlier suggested.

It's a pity that the Philips Cup has been treated with disdain all along and one can only hope that in 1978 the "apres-season" events of the League will be arranged with greater care and professionalism.

The PSL's decision to cram the quarterfinals, semifinals and final into an 8-day period was motivated the League's wish to skirt the Oct. 16 World Cup match against Kuwait.

However, preparations for that vital match are also causing concern in many circles.

PLAYERS REST

The Socceroos are not due to go into camp until Monday, October 10.

Meanwhile, the majority of squad members have stopped training with their clubs who are out of the Philips Cup: Barnes, Williams, Harris, Bennett, Marocchi, Nyskohus and Ollerton have finished the season.

National coach Jim Shoulder flew to Seoul to watch Kuwait in action next Sunday.

Let's hope that he returns properly armed for the Oct. 16 Sydney clash against the team which recently twice held Wales to a draw.

COL BENNETT WINS SINGAPORE CRUISE

Brisbane Lions' strapping Socceroo stopper Colin Bennett won this year's Palanga Prize — a return cruise to Singapore.

In a tight finish, Bennett polled an average of 4.52 points and won by a whisker from Adelaide City's classy defender Frank Lister, on 4.50 points.

The prize will be presented at a later day by Palanga Lines' managing director, Ron Cibas.

It will entitle Bennett for an interstate flight by TAA to Perth, a seven-day cruise to Singapore on 'Kota Singapura', two days in Singapore in a first class hotel and then the return journey along the same route.

Ron Cibas said he was happy that the award was won by a Brisbane player.

"From what I have seen of the Philips League, Adelaide and Brisbane teams were making a very real contribution to their success," he said.

"I sincerely hope that this will serve as a further encouragement to the many young players in Brisbane."

The contest was based on points awarded during the 26 rounds by Soccer World reporters.

Only those players qualified for the final count who appeared in at least two-thirds (17) of the matches.

This was the final order among players who polled at least 4 pts.:

1. Bennett (Lions) 4.52
2. Lister (Adel. City) 4.50
3. Deans (Adel. City) 4.33
4. Hermiston (Br. Cy.) 4.25
5. Stone (Wests) 4.16
6. P. Ontong (M'bark) 4.13
7. Pye (S. Melb.) 4.07
8. Gibson (Olympic) 4.05
9. Perin (Adel. C.)
   Campbell (Marconi)
   Wilson (Wests) 4.04
12. Coe (St. George)
    Romanowicz (Ad. C.)
    McGregor (Westad)
    Reynolds (Westad) 4.00

● **Portrait of the winner P. 7.**

Stay with us till Dec. 2!

We have great news for our loyal readers: we will keep publishing Soccer World until December 2.

With the 'domestic' season ending on Sunday, we have lined up a host of exciting and entertaining features for you.

Starting next week, we will review in great detail the performances of all the 14 Philips League teams — players' appearances, scorers, bests in the various positions, etc.

We will also devote our attention to the NSW State League and II Division, reviewing their season in successive issues.

Then, of course, there is the World Cup, with the first match next week against Kuwait.

After that, SW editor Andrew Dettre will accompany the Socceroos to South Korea and Hong Kong and report on the matches and the scene behind the games.

So stay with us until December 2!

NEXT WEEK: WORLD CUP SPECIAL

PHILIPS LEAGUE '77

MARCONI IS LONG-SHOT TIP FOR PHILIPS CUP

— By ANDREW DETTRE —

It is somewhat unusual to preview a cup final without even knowing the identity of the contestants.

However, with the Philips Cup being rushed through its final phases like a Bill in Parliament on the eve of a long awaited recess, this is what one would be expected to do.

The two semifinals will be played on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 5 and 6, while the final 'some time' over the weekend — watch the daily Press for announcements . . .

Tragically for Adelaide and mercifully for Sydney, these two cities have missed out on the semifinals.

However, should West Adelaide qualify for the final, it's odds on to be staged in Adelaide.

Now, what of the semifinals?

Fitzroy who once again made mincemeat of the hapless Mooroolbark, meet Marconi in Melbourne while Brisbane City, controversial winners over Wests, will face West Adelaide at home.

So it's two Greek-Italian clashes, both likely to produce fair sized crowds to further shame Sydney where last Monday's quarterfinal was characterised by crowd apathy.

Fitzroy, with the Cole-Buljevic tandem once again producing the goals, have already proved to be costly nemesis for Marconi: with their 0-0 draw in Sydney they deprived the Bossley Parkers of the PSL title.

This, in a small measure, compensated Fitzroy for the 1-8 massacre they had suffered earlier at the hands of Marconi, in front of their own stunned fans.

Both teams are in good shape and both are fully motivated to win the Cup: Marconi to make up for their narrow League miss, Fitzroy to salvage some self-respect for the largely disappointing Melbourne teams.

Fitzroy, despite their aristocratic third place in the League, strike us as a dour, workmanlike team with only limited flair.

Marconi, at their best, are like a Ferrari coupe compared to the honest Fitzroy — a solid Land Rover purring on all day.

If Marconi can reproduce their best — questionable with Maher, Byrne, Rooney thinking of the Kuwait match — they should be rewarded with a win for their travail.

In Brisbane, City will be hosts to the revived West Adelaide in what may turn out to be another northern classic.

With Hermiston and Echeverria masterminding operations at the back and in the middle, the mobile Brisbane City forwards can cause havoc to any defence.

Brisbane City no doubt hope that a Cup final appearance would make up for their modest placing in the PSL.

West Adelaide are too rhapsodical to be assessed in a few words.

But few can doubt their skill and talent. They have, first of all, that brilliant youngster Kosmina who is quite able to swing a match singlehanded.

Defender Reyonlds, midfielders Jones and McGachey and the little winger McGregor are all classy performers.

Kosmina will probably receive the fulltime attention of the towering blond Tokesi and on their duel hangs the fate of the tie.

On pure ability, West Adelaide would be entitled to favoritism.

But in Brisbane, in front of their loyal and vocal fans, Brisbane City have every chance of causing yet another Cup shock and reach the final — which may even be staged in their city on Sunday.

So we stick our neck out with a risky forecast: Marconi and Brisbane City to win, then Marconi to take out the final, possibly played in Brisbane.

Marconi v. Canberra C. 5-1

MARCONI TAKE STIFF REVENGE

After allowing Canberra to trip them up in the championship, Marconi made short work of them in the Cup.

Canberra looked like going to halftime at 1-1, which would have been a more favorable score than they deserved.

As it happened, Rooney came from nowhere to prod home a lob from Mariani with a minute to go, so it was 2-1 at the turn.

Earlier it had been left to Tilsed to defy some good shots, but he found Mariani the master after Campbell had pushed the ball through.

Henderson had answered that one for Canberra after more than half the team had put a remarkable string of passes together.

Degney gave Brown the run-around in the move before Sharne's goal in the 57th minute.

In the following play Alston slipped the ball back towards Tilsed, and Sharne was quickly on the spot to score.

Degney, playing a champion's game, transferred to Byrne in the 74th minute.

He was quick to spot an opening between Tilsed and the upright, and drove left-foot for a fine goal.

Prskalo, Richards, Byrne, Campbell — take your pick — they all helped to decimate the Canberra side.

Throughout the game Alston tried to get into the action, but he really did little on the day to advance his World Cup claims.

Newcastle referee W. Jones gave a good display, although he would have been on top quicker if he had made a move towards his yellow card pocket on the first occasion that a wall failed to move back 10 yards.

Marconi: Maher 4, Robertson 3 (77: Jones), **Degney 5,** Russell 3, Prskalo 4, Richards 4, **Byrne 5,** Rooney 4, Campbell 4, Mariani 4 (72: Williams), Sharne 3.

Canberra City: Tilsed 3, Moulis 3, Brown 3, **Henderson 5,** Boskov 4 (72: Black), Cant 3, Gruicic 4, Hogg 3, Bourke 3 (46: B. Stoddart 3), Alston 3, Fernandez 3.

Goals: 1-0 Mariani (24), 1-1 Henderson (41), 2-1 Rooney (44), 3-1 Sharne (57), 4-1 Byrne (74), 5-1 Campbell (86).

Referee: W. Jones (Newcastle). **Crowd:** 1190. **Caution:** Alston.

— K. Gilmour

Fitzroy v. Mooroolb'k 3-0

WITH A LITTLE BIT OF LUCK

A flattering 3-0 win over Mooroolbark took Fitzroy into the semifinals of the Philips Cup.

The score doesn't properly express the picture of the match as the Barkers were equal for the best part of the game, probably giving one of their best and stoutest displays of the season.

Once again Barry Fairbrother stole the show re-emphasising how effective he would have been with a stronger team.

The breaks came for Fitzroy against the run of play, mainly due to the skill of discarded Socceroo Branko Buljevic.

Pouncing on a long ball by Pat Bannon, Buljevic was fouled by Geoff Ontong on the edge of the box.

He took the freekick himself, bending the ball past the wall into the upper corner for a smashing goal.

Fitzroy's second goal came from a deep pass by Taylor.

Cole picked up the ball, beat two tackles and slipped it home past Ivanoff.

And when Buljevic scored his second goal, it was all over. Campbell drove the ball through a maze of legs square to Buljevic who just had to tap it in.

Fitzroy: Blasby 3, McMillan 4, Proven 3, Tansey 4, **Cole 5,** P. Bannon 4 (65: Tront), Taylor 4, Campbell 3, Bouzikas 3, O'Reilly 3, Buljevic 4.

Mooroolbark: Ivanoff 3, Williamson 3, G. Ontong 4, **Lowe 5,** Pongho 4, Irwin 3 (54: Thom), P. Ontong 3, Rigby 4, **Fairbrother 5,** Lowry 3 (76: O'Reilly), McGregor 4.

Goals: 1-0 Buljevic (15), 2-0 Cole (51), 3-0 Buljevic (80). **Referee:** B. Wilkinson (Sydney). — **Crowd:** 1500. — **Cautions:** Lowe, P. Ontong.

— C. Nikolopoulos

Brisbane City v. Wests 6-5

PENALTY FARCE, DRAMA AT END

How ridiculous sudden death penalty contests are as a means of deciding vital matches was patently shown by the chaotic scenes surrounding the end of this game.

At the end of extra time, City and Wests were locked at 1-1.

Five players from each side then took spot kicks — and still they were level, each scoring three.

Then came the sudden death aspect, with players from each side taking spot-kicks until one scored and the other missed.

Both scored with their sixth kicks; then Col Curran's shot hit the bar.

John Coyne's shot was saved by Eaton — but with players and officials milling around in confusion, referee Yelland ordered the kick to be taken again.

This time Coyne scored, and the farce was over.

Ian Johnston shook Wests with the opening goal after five minutes, but City missed a chance to cement their grip when Hermiston's penalty was saved 10 minutes later.

Wests, with the elusive Stone and Harding sparkling in midfield, equalised when Harding finished a good move between this pair.

Brisbane City: Borzi 4, Rathmell 3, Tokesi 4, Hermiston 4, McLeod 4, Echeverria 3, Pimblett 4, Gaffney 3, **Conner 5,** Johnston 3, Caldwell 3 (85: Coyne).

Wests: T. Eaton 4, Curran 3, Noble 4, Wilson 3, Perry 4, Harding 4, Turnbull 3, **Stone 5,** Fisher 3 (69: Hardes), Norris 3, Ainslie 4.

Goals: 1-0 Johnston (5), 1-1 Harding (55). **Crowd:** 3,500. **Referee:** D. Yelland (Vic.). **Caution:** Eaton.

— A. Fouche

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This was a real Alex & Andy show

— By STEPHEN DETTRE —

Auburn, Sydney's perennial underdogs have a great chance of taking out this week's Grand Final on the 20th anniversary of their last triumph back in 1957 when they defeated Canterbury 4-3.

To reach this week's prestigious match they dispatched former glamour boys APIA with a display of controlled football that produced two excellent goals as well as keeping APIA subdued.

Auburn were far more composed and creative, using their first rate back line as an effective launching pad for a series of dangerous attacks on the APIA defence.

McMillan was in superb form, holding himself with all the poise and aplomb of a Beckenbauer and occassionally opening up the game with precise searching passes that had APIA's defenders scrambling to cover.

The first half only really came to life following Tracey's great goal, as until that time both sides were cautious, even though it was always Auburn who looked the more likely to score a goal.

Tracey's goal was a classic, coming as a result of his own individual effort.

He picked up possession on the right wing and then working his way across field with a series of intelligent dummies he got himself into a good position from where he unleashed an almighty shot which gave Fraser no chance.

Following the goal it looked certain that Auburn would win, and win well, for APIA were in tatters. They unfortunately lost their talented midfielder Frank Merrigan with a split forehead, while Auburn grew in confidence and began to fling the ball around with ease.

APIA lacked cohesion and force in midfield, the most crucial department in football, which meant the strikers were not getting a ready supply of good balls, and everything lost by Doyle and McCormack was picked up by an Auburn midfelder lying deep.

The start of the second half saw something of an APIA revival, but after a short ten minute spell they again fell away and virtually handed the match over to Auburn.

It was in the second half that we saw the typical Auburn attacks come with far more frequency, as the Auburn players sensed victory and as the APIA players tired suprisingly early.

The deadly duo combination of Tracey and Reid was particularly effective, as both players have good close control and turned on bursts of speed to get by sluggish defenders.

They were ably supported by Terry Jones, working tirelessly in co-operation with Vic Juchniewicz, and by Pat Deller who came on for the injured Steve Leak.

It was quite noticeable that Auburn were playing it very defensive, using a backline of four with McMillan as libero, but when they attacked they did so crisply and effectively using their small but nuggetty strikers' speed as the main weapon, sending them on weaving dummying runs to worry APIA.

However, although Auburn looked home and hosed, football is a funny thing and as Ruiz proved the week before, equalisers can be snatched from out of thin air, and so most people felt that Auburn would only be 'safe' when they scored another against APIA.

The clincher came 17 minutes into the second half with a fine goal from the other centreback for Auburn, Terry Bertram, who ran onto a loose ball after Tracey's corner, and whipped the ball home from 14 metres.

After this goal APIA were finished; the whole team looked tired and dejected, and even though Auburn retreated into a defensive role, APIA's strikers could find no way through.

Both Doyle and McCormack tried hard, but with the Auburn defence closed up like a vault in the Bank of England, it would have taken a craftier performance than the one they served up to have attained even one goal.

Another big disappointment for APIA was the indifferent performance of Terry Butler who showed little of the verve and dash which made him feared throughout the season.

Auburn: Hoszowski 3, Cornett 3, Gibson 4, Dobson 4, Bertram 5, McMillan 5, Jones 4, Juchniewicz 3, Reid 4, Leak 3, Tracey 5. Subs.: Deller for Leak (53), Sidey for Jones (81).

APIA: Fraser 3, Jenkins 3, Pullen 3, Bakaric 3, McGinn 3, Jackson 4, Wilson 2 (Goose 69), Butler 2, Doyle 3, Merrigan (Ruiz 39, 3), Mc Cormack 3. Subs.: Ruiz 3 (39) for Merrigan, Goose (69) for Wilson.

Goals: Tracey 36m., Bartram 62m.

Referee: D. Rennie.

Crowd: 1207.

1977 AMPOL CHAMPIONSHIP

AUBURN JUST THE SIDE TO SPRING A SURPRISE

Those who go merely by the sound of names, are probably impressed enough with the rich Croatia line-up to award them the Grand Final almost on default.

The Croatians, after all, can call on such an array of celebrated and undoubtedly skilled performers as Abonyi, Sullivan, Fenoughty, Russell, Davies, Hadley and Stone.

Joe Marston, Auburn coach

Against that, you have the unsung heroes of suburban Auburn, the classic battlers, the team unused to success.

But don't be misled: cup finals often produce strange results, as the chemistry of players works unpredictably.

The Croatia which we saw against APIA is a far cry from the team which, under previous coach Tony Schwarz, was one of Sydney's most stylish outfits.

There is too much impatience in their build-up, too great an emphasis on physical qualities at the expense of sheer skill.

Abonyi will have to do a lot more than wait for clearcut goalmouth chances; he has to be involved for the 90 minutes to be of maximum use to his side.

Fenoughty, we feel, holds the key to the match more than any other player; if he is given room to create, he has sufficient skill to decide the issue.

The Croatia defence and midfield are, at best, only on par with their Auburn counterparts and can be brittle under pressure.

Auburn, extremely fit and combative, go into the tussle without the awesome burden of favoritism.

Several of their players, about to leave for greener pastures, also want to make their exit on a high note.

In Hoszowski, Dobson and McMillan they have three first class defenders certain to give plenty of attention to the Croatia star strikers.

The busy Bertram and Juchniewicz will match Croatia in midfield — and so it falls, once again, on the elusive Andy Tracey to snap up his usual half chances.

Can Auburn do it? One feels that they will go pretty close to it.

Against the Croatia of earlier months, let alone last year, they would probably stand little chance.

But this Croatia has changed and certainly not for the better — unless they can turn on their old brilliance for 90 more minutes.

— A.D.

LIKELY TEAMS

CROATIA	AUBURN
D. SMITH	HOSZOWSKI
RUSSELL	CORNET
HADLEY	GIBSON
BASIC	DOBSON
G. SMITH	McMILLAN
DAVIES	BERTRAM
DARVILL	JONES
I. STONE	JUCHNIEWICZ
ABONYI	REID
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When they strove for £3 a game

On September 22, 1957, in the very first Grand Final held under the NSW Federation auspices, Auburn scored their last major triumph when they beat Canterbury 4-3.

With 13 minutes remaining in the game, Canterbury held a commanding 3-1 lead.

However, Auburn, inspired by Len Quested, then 33, staged a stirring comeback and scored three amazing goals, the last three minutes from fulltime by Jack Knapp, after Andy Henderson had scored earlier with a fantastic 40-metre shot.

This was Auburn's team: Bill Henderson, Jim Cardiff, Bill Wilson, Archie McAllister, Bob Duff, Andy Henderson, Barry Staples, Bobby Hall, Len Quested, Jack Knapp and Andy Thorburn.

The match was watched by a crowd of 8,440 — a record up to that time.

This was a rags to richess story for Auburn. When the NSW Federation was established, the club became divided: a few players and officials joined the Federation but the bulk remained with the old Association.

Federation Auburn was left without balls, shirts and socks, corner flags and goal nets.

The two Hendersons came to the rescue, transferring from Granville while Bill Wilson came out of retirement to help.

And veteran coach George Azzopardi moulded this team into a Grand Final unit in a matter of months.

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WORLD CUP'S BIG WEEK

Six vital World Cup matches will be played in Europe next week. This is the program: Denmark v. Portugal Oct. 9; Luxembourg v. England Oct. 12; East Germany v. Austria Oct. 12; N. Ireland v. Holland October 12; Eire v. Bulgaria Oct. 12; Wales v. Scotland Oct. 12. — In our next issue we will publish all the results and tables in the 9 European groups.

THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

The World Cup Britain

● **Argentina's national coach Cesar Menotti will travel to Europe this month to have a look at some of his expatriate stars with a view of next year's World Cup. The players he is interested in are Kempes (Valencia), Wolff (Real Madrid), Bianchi (Paris St. Germain), Piazza (St. Etienne) and Babbington (Wattenscheid).**

● In Northern Ireland's 2-0 over Iceland in a World Cup match, George Best was the best man on the field.

● **According to the London Daily Mail, Don Revie, the recently departed England manager, had taken an active part in bribing opponents while manager of Leeds United, back in 1972. Wolves' former goalie Parkes told the newspaper that Revie had tried to pay him off in a vital match, but he had refused. The question is: why did Parkes wait five years with his story?**

● Liverpool have declined to play the Argentinian Boca Juniors in the final of the Intercontinental Cup because of lack of suitable dates.

● **Kuwait have done it again: in the second match against Wales they managed another 0-0 draw.**

● The UEFA has allocated the 1978 Euro-Cup finals: the Champions' Cup final to Wembley on May 10, the Cupwinners' Cup final to Paris on May 3 in Paris.

● **In Belfast, Northern Ireland beat Iceland 2-0 in a World Cup game through goals by McGrath and McIlroy.**

● In Glasgow, Scotland defeated Czechoslovakia 3-1 in another World Cup game by goals of Jordan, Hartford and Dalglish. The Czechs, with two defeats in their group, are in an almost hopeless position. If Scotland can gain a victory over Wales on October 12 (in Liverpool), they are in the finals.

● **Manchester United's appeal against their expulsion from the Cupwinners' Cup has been upheld and the team has been reinstated in the tournament.**

● Liverpool and Hamburg will play two matches in the European Super-Cup final, on Nov. 29 in Hamburg and on Dec. 6 in Liverpool.

● **Former Fulham winger John Conway — brother of Manchester City's Jimmy — has been signed by the Swiss Winterthur — for the second time. Conway, who has a German wife, played with the Swiss club two years ago before returning to his native Dublin.**

● Former Middlesboro manager Jackie Charlton, at present out of soccer, spends his days fishing. For a new club?

● **Bolton's England U-23 fullback Paul Jones will be out of action until at least November with cartilage trouble.**

The Continent

● **Catastrophe for the Greeks . . . in a friendly international in Bucharest, they suffered a shattering 1-6 defeat against Rumania.**

● Dr. Karoly Lakat, one of the most successful Hungarian coaches, has a team — in the second division only.

● **Bolivia's national team is preparing for the World Cup matches against Hungary in West Germany where they will play four friendlies. The first match of the two- legged series will be played in Budapest at the end of October.**

● The Russians are going from the crazy to the ridiculous. . . Rejecting the idea of a sole manager-coach, after their recent failures, they have set up a committee of 14 to look after the national team.

● **Who's got a suspicious mind? Some months ago the Soviet FA nominated Moscow Dynamo for the European Cupwinners' Cup. However, the Soviet Cup was played only recently. And fancy: Dynamo beat Moscow Torpedo 1-0 . . .**

● In a World Cup match held in Chorzow, in front of 60,000 fans, Poland beat Denmark 4-1 to make 100 percent sure their qualification for next year's finals. Masztaler, Lato, Deyna and Szarmach scored the Polish goals and Nygaard the Danish from a penalty.

● **Berti Vogts was outspoken about the recent German Press award to Munchen goalie Sepp Maier as their player of the year; he feels that the Press was biased against foreign players, notably his team mate Allan Simonsen, whom he rates as the best player in the Bundesliga.**

● The Yugoslav national team is managed by a troika: Marko Valok, Gojko Zec (Red Star's manager) and Stevan Volitic.

● **West German clubs will be able to field only players between 18 and 23 in their reserve teams in order to develop young talent.**

● The recent Red Star v. Belgrade v. Dynamo Zagreb match drew 90,000 spectators.

● **Yugoslavia plays a friendly international in Budapest against Hungary on October 5.**

● Goalies ought to be careful: East Germany's equaliser against Austria in their World Cup match came from a freekick, after Austrian goalie Koncilia carried the ball for seven steps.

● **It's a service we could imitate: in West Germany fans can ring a phone number five minutes after the end of Bundesliga matches and get all the results.**

● In a friendly international, Spain beat Switzerland 2-1 in Bern.

● **Roberto Bettega has been elected by a panel of 43 soccer writers as Italy's best player of 1976-77.**

● Bayern Munchen took sweet revenge over Schalke for their 0-7 home defeat last season when they beat the table-leaders 7-1. The result is even more remarkable because after the 28th minute Bayern played with 10 men, Weiss having been sent off. Gerd Muller, playing a blinder in midfield, scored only one goal.

● **Jupp Heynckes, the Monchengladbach striker, will become a coach in 1978. He is now attending a senior course in Cologne: it's a fulltime affair and will run until March.**

● Recently, France's popular St. Etienne lost to Nice — and that was their first home defeat in 105 matches, since March 1973.

● **Jose Maria Pedroto has resigned as manager of the Portuguese national side in a protest over the Association's refusal to admit all coaches to matches free.**

The Americas

● **Boca Juniors of Argentina won the South American (Libertadores) Cup against Brazil's Cruzeiro. The match, after extra time, was decided on penalties: Boca scored five and the Brazilians only four.**

● Cosmos may not be that hot. . . they lost their second match 1-2 to China in Shanghai, then drew 2-2 in Pakistan.

● **The Brazilian Association (CBD) has bought a ranch for the national squad players to train and stay at. The ranch, near Rio, is large and will in the long run save the Association money. It will be used by professionals, amateurs and juniors.**

● Eleven American coaches went to Brazil to attend coaching courses and to spend a spell with various clubs to brush up on the latest methods.

● **Osvaldo Brandao, recently sacked as manager of Brazil, has been invited to take charge of Peru's national team. Former Brazil ace Didi was in charge of the team in 1970. Brandao has not yet given his decision.**

● Cosmos have just started selling their season tickets for the 1978 season and have already found 8,000 buyers — and the season won't even open until April . . .

● **China will tour the USA in October. They will play the USA three times and on three other occasions they will meet club teams — including Cosmos.**

● Zozino, the colored star of the 1958 and 1962 world champion Brazilian team, died in a car smash outside Rio, at the age of 39.

● **Bobby Moore is likely to be the next coach of Tampa Bay in Florida — at a fee of $30,000 a season.**

SOCCER CALENDAR

Oct.	12th	Luxembourg v. England (World Cup)
	12th	Wales v. Scotland (World Cup)
	12th	Eire v. Bulgaria (World Cup)
	12th	N. Ireland v. Holland (World Cup)
Nov.	16th	England v. Italy (World Cup)
	16th	Czechoslovakia v. Wales (World Cup)
	16th	N. Ireland v. Belgium (World Cup)
Dec.	14th	Wales v. West Germany (friendly)
	1978	
Jan.	7th	FA Cup Third Round
	28th	FA Cup Fourth Round
Feb.	18th	FA Cup Fifth Round
	22nd	W. Germany v. England (friendly, prov.)
March	1st	Quarterfinals Euro Cups (first-legs)
	11th	FA Cup Sixth Round
	15th	Quarterfinals Euro Cups (second-legs)
	18th	Football League Cup Final
	29th	Euro Cups Semifinals (first-legs)
April	8th	FA Cup Semifinals
	19th	Euro Cups Semifinals (second-legs)
	19th	England v. Brazil (friendly)
		UEFA Cup Final (first-leg)
May	3rd	European Cup-Winners' Cup Final
	6th	FA Cup Final
	6th	Scottish Cup Final
	9th	UEFA Cup Final (second-leg)
	10th	European Cup Final
	13th	Wales v. England (British Championship)
	13th	N. Ireland v. Scotland (British Champion)
	17th	England v. N. Ireland (British Champion)
	17th	Scotland v. Wales (British Champion)
	19th	Wales v. N. Ireland (British Champion)
	20th	Scotland v. England (British Champion)

BRITAIN BROKE?

The total that changed hands in the transfer market from the end of last season to the opening of the present campaign was just under £4 million ($6m.)

A colossal sum which includes £500,000 paid by Hamburger SV to Liverpool for Kevin Keegan; £440,000 to Celtic for Kev's replacement, Kenny Dalglish; £300,000 for Mike Channon to Manchester City; £200,000 each for Ken McNaught to Villa and Dave Thomas to Everton and seven fees of between £100,000 and £175,000.

During the same period in the 1976 close-season (May-August), the transfer total was only £2,300,000, but then there were far fewer really big fees — £330,000 paid by Arsenal for Malcolm Macdonald; £250,000 by Leeds for Tony Currie; £200,000 by Liverpool for Dave Johnson and a similar amount paid Leeds by Anderlecht for Duncan McKenzie.

The past few months have certainly seen clubs enjoying a spending spree, but whether it will continue throughout the rest of the season we must wait and see . . .

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US expands

As this year's soccer season ends in the States, preparations are already being made for next year.

Several applications have been received by the North American Soccer League for new team franchises. There could be as many as four new teams in the 24-club League. Boston and Philadelphia, who have had teams before, are most likely to be approved.

Other applications have come from Atlanta, Columbus, Cleveland, Milwaukee and Anaheim (California). Milwaukee is also considered a prime candidate and Anaheim may well buy the Connecticut Bicentennials outright and ship the team more than 3,000 miles to the West Coast. The Bis have missed out on the soccer boom, averaging only 4,000 spectators for their Yale Bowl home games.

Rochester and Toronto (1976 NASL Champions) have also had attendance problems and may lose their teams, if not next year then possibly in 1979.

PHILIPS LEAGUE '77

PSL RESULTS VIEWED FROM STATES' ANGLES

The first season of the Philips Soccer League is over and now the results and performances can be put under the microscope. We start this week by breaking up the table and examining how the various teams fared against local or other city rivals.

SYDNEY

	Hakoah	Marconi	St. George	Olympic	Wests	Points	Goals
Hakoah	●	2-4	2-2	2-0	2-1	10	14-12
Marconi	1-1	●	3-1	0-0	3-0	12	14-5
St. George	1-1	0-0	●	3-3	1-1	5	10-15
Olympic	0-0	0-2	2-0	●	0-3	7	7-10
Wests	3-4	1-1	3-2	0-2	●	6	12-15

Marconi came out on top in the all-Sydney clashes, gaining 12 points and not losing any of their eight matches. St. George did rather badly here: they lost three, drew five — and won none.

MELBOURNE

	Fitzroy	Footscray	Mooroolbark	Sth. Melbourne	Points	Goals
Fitzroy	●	2-0	2-0	5-2	11	15-5
Footscray	1-3	●	1-0	2-2	6	8-9
Mooroolbark	1-2	2-2	●	2-4	1	5-13
South Melbourne	1-1	0-2	2-0	●	6	11-12

Fitzroy were the best team in the domestic Melbourne match circuit, winning five and drawing one of their six games against local opponents. Mooroolbark's record against fellow Victorians was pathetically weak.

SYDNEY v. MELBOURNE		Fitzroy	Footscray	Mooroolbark	Sth. Melbourne
Hakoah	H	1-1	4-3	3-0	0-1
	A	3-1	2-2	2-2	0-0
Marconi	H	0-0	1-0	1-0	3-0
	A	8-1	4-3	3-2	2-1
St. George	H	2-2	2-0	5-1	1-1
	A	2-1	0-0	0-1	3-2
Olympic	H	3-1	0-0	1-2	0-2
	A	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-1
Wests	H	0-1	0-0	5-0	2-0
	A	2-2	1-2	2-0	0-2

The traditional Sydney-Melbourne rivalry was clearly won by Sydney clubs this year with Marconi taking the honors: in their eight matches against Melbourne teams, they dropped only one point, but Hakoah and St. George also had 'positive' records.

All four Melbourne teams finished up with 'negative' balance sheets against Sydney sides.

Tally of teams:

	Played	Points
Hakoah	8	10
Marconi	8	15
St. George	8	11
Olympic	8	5
Wests	8	8
Fitzroy	10	8
Footscray	10	8
Mooroolbark	10	6
Sth. Melbourne	10	9

Sydney-Melbourne balance:

At stake: 80 pts.
Sydney teams won: 49
Melbourne teams won: 31

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SYDNEY v. ADELAIDE		Adel. City	West Adel.
Hakoah	H	6-1	1-1
	A	2-1	3-1
Marconi	H	0-4	2-1
	A	1-1	1-0
St. George	H	0-2	1-0
	A	1-1	3-3
Olympic	H	3-1	0-4
	A	0-3	0-1
Wests	H	0-0	1-1
	A	2-1	1-0

Hakoah were the most successful in this sub-section. The only Adelaide team to take maximum points off a Sydney opponent was West Adelaide against Olympic.

Tally of teams:

	Played	Points
Hakoah	4	7
Marconi	4	5
St. George	4	4
Olympic	4	2
Wests	4	6
Adelaide City	10	9
West Adelaide	10	7

Sydney-Adelaide balance:

At stake: 40 pts.
Sydney teams won: 24 pts.
Adelaide teams won: 16 pts.

MELBOURNE v. ADELAIDE		Adelaide City	West Adelaide
Fitzroy	H	1-0	0-0
	A	1-4	1-1
Footscray	H	3-4	0-1
	A	1-4	0-1
Mooroolbark	H	1-3	1-1
	A	3-10	1-1
Sth. Melb.	H	0-0	1-2
	A	0-2	1-1

The surprise few had expected: Adelaide teams proved superior to their Melbourne rivals. Footscray, for example, lost all four of their games. Adelaide City went down only once in eight games.

Tally of teams:

	Played	Points
Fitzroy	4	4
Footscray	4	0
Mooroolbark	4	2
Sth. Melbourne	4	2
Adelaide City	8	13
West Adelaide	8	11

Melbourne-Adelaide balance:

Points at stake: 32 pts.
Melbourne teams won: 8 pts.
Adelaide teams won: 24 pts.

SYDNEY v. BRISBANE		Brisbane City	Brisbane Lions
Hakoah	H	3-1	2-0
	A	0-0	4-0
Marconi	H	1-0	0-1
	A	1-0	1-1
St. George	H	3-2	0-0
	A	1-1	1-1
Olympic	H	4-0	1-0
	A	0-3	2-0
Wests	H	0-0	3-0
	A	1-0	0-4

Once again, Hakoah's record was the most impressive while the others had a similar record. Overall, Brisbane teams didn't do too well against Sydney sides.

Tally of teams:

	Played	Points
Hakoah	4	7
Marconi	4	5
St. George	4	5
Olympic	4	6
Wests	4	5
Brisbane City	10	5
Lions	10	7

Sydney-Brisbane balance:

Points at stake: 40 pts.
Sydney teams won: 28 pts.
Brisbane teams won: 12 pts.

MELBOURNE v. BRISBANE		Brisbane City	Brisbane Lions
Fitzroy	H	3-2	4-1
	A	1-1	0-2
Footscray	H	2-1	4-2
	A	3-1	0-2
Mooroolbark	H	1-1	0-1
	A	1-3	1-2
Sth. Melb.	H	0-1	1-0
	A	0-2	1-0

An even bigger surprise here: Brisbane teams held their own against Melbourne. Individually Footscray shone brightest while the two Brisbane sides broke even in their eight games.

Tally of teams:

	Played	Points
Fitzroy	4	5
Footscray	4	6
Mooroolbark	4	1
Sth. Melbourne	4	4
Brisbane City	8	8
Lions	8	8

Melbourne-Brisbane balance:

Points at stake: 32 pts.
Melbourne teams won: 16 pts.
Brisbane teams won: 16 pts.

ADELAIDE v. BRISBANE		Brisbane City	Brisbane Lions
Adel. City	H	1-2	0-0
	A	0-1	1-1
Westad	H	3-3	5-1
	A	0-1	4-1

Finally, the biggest surprise of the lot: Brisbane teams had a positive record against Adelaide sides, with Brisbane City almost scoring maximum points.

Tally of teams:

	Played	Points
Adelaide City	4	2
West Adelaide	4	5
Brisbane City	4	7
Lions	4	2

Adelaide-Brisbane balance:

Points at stake: 16 pts.
Adelaide teams won: 7 pts.
Brisbane teams won: 9 pts.

CANBERRA v. OTHERS

	Points won
Adelaide City	1
Brisbane City	4
Brisbane Lions	2
Easts Hakoah	1
Fitzroy	0
Footscray	0
Marconi	3
Mooroolbark	0
St. George	1
Sth. Melbourne	1
Sydney Olympic	3
West Adelaide	1
Western Suburbs	0

Canberra's greatest achievement was a clean record against Brisbane City and three points against Marconi and Olympic.

Strangely, against Melbourne teams Canberra City did very badly: in eight matches they managed only a single point out of a possible 16 . . .

PHILIPS CUP SEMIFINALS:
Wednesday, October 5:
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BLANCO'S MAGIC MADE THE EAGLES FLY HIGH

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Melita Eagles, the biggest crowd puller in second division returns to first division next season after an eight-year spell in the lower ranks.

Winning the 1977 championship undefeated, this was a performance which was hardly dreamed of 12 months ago after the team had finished last in the competition in 1976.

Credit for this astonishing "instant" success must go to wonderman Raoul Blanco who built, coached and managed a shattered side into a formidable combination.

And formidable it was, as the team went through 26 consecutive games undefeated to win the title and the Umbro Cup at the start of the season.

Blanco took Melita over at the end of last season after the side was saved from being relegated to third division by the inception of the Philips League.

However, this was a challenge . . . the sort of challenge that soccer lovers and dedicated men like Blanco cherish.

As a master tactician would, Blanco's first attack was to rebuild the players' morale which was well taken care for by organising camps where the players could spend long periods of time together getting to know each other.

EARLY START

Blanco was perhaps luckier than many coaches Melita had in recent years as he was appointed early enough to sort out the problems in the side while others just took the jobs only weeks before the competition started.

Training the team three nights a week, Blanco established incredible harmony among the players, and right through the season never an unkind word was uttered amongst the players on or off the field — the theme was co-operation.

The additions cost the club precious little in transfer fees and perhaps the biggest name and dearest of the players was goalkeeper Uwe Bracklow who made a name for himself with Prague and Yugal.

Others blended into the team were Ian McGovern, Steve Ververis, Phil Mikas, Richard Yamine and Nelson Brizuela.

Once these players made the team, they retained their place right to the end which meant that Blanco did not make one error of judgment in his selections — a deciding factor at the end in pipping the strong Toongabbie for the championship.

During the season, Melita won 16 of their competition matches scoring 56 goals and conceding only 14 in addition to drawing the six remaining matches.

And while the team was winning the points on the field, their supporters were there to urge them on wherever they played.

At the beginning of the season, the crowds were about three to five hundred, but towards the end this swelled to between 1,500 and 2,000, which helped considerably to boost the club's finances.

Success breeds success, and the club received other financial boosts as all functions organised were booked out months ahead.

Ironically, their best victory of the season was an 8-2 over Revesby Workers which was the team which stopped Melita in the semifinals by beating them 3-1 at Girraween Park — inflicting the only defeat for the 1977 season.

Nelson Brizuela chalked up 17 goals for the Eagles during the season followed by Joe Farrugia and Ian McGovern with nine goals apiece and Colin McAusland and Bobby Smith on eight each.

But it was a team effort throughout the season with every man pulling his weight.

Midfielders Yamine and Mikas rose to the occasion and defenders McPherson, Cook and Ververis were outstanding.

However, the most improved stopper this year was Andrew Huntley who had the best season of his career.

1978 PLANS

Incidentally, the only two players in this team who played for Melita when they were in first division are Bobby Smith and Colin McAusland.

Blanco's emphasis was on attacking football which not only won games, but entertained the crowds.

As for the future, Blanco will soon have a meeting with the Melita committee to discuss next season.

His contract ended with Melita's last match of the competition, but there's no doubt that the good work will be carried on.

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Revesby win Sec. Div. Final

Revesby Workers, in their initial season in second division, won the final of the competition when they beat Ku-ring-gai 3-1 in a hard fought and exciting game at Guildford Park on Sunday.

The experience of Greg Byles and Eddie Howard was too much for the young Ku-ring-gai side who, despite plenty of talent, lacked the temperament under pressure.

Byles and Howard had a tremendous game, winning the major share of the ball in midfield which kept their forwards in possession.

In addition Byles scored the most important goal which was the turning point of the match when he put Revesby ahead for the second time.

The match started with a sensation, when Revesby scored from the kick-off with the game only 40 seconds old.

From the first whistle, Bobby Vidler raced up the wing chipping the ball in the middle for Colin MacAlister who hit a left-footed volley from 12 metres, giving the Ku-ring-gai goalkeeper no chance to save.

Against the run of play, Revesby should have increased the lead three minutes from halftime when a shot by MacAlister was cleared off the line by fullback Peter Vousden.

Ku-ring-gai came back into the game in the 55th minute when a corner by Mick West hit the top of the crossbar and winger Philip Beale raced through to head the rebound for the equaliser.

However, Revesby were back on top within five minutes with a great goal by Byles from a pass by Colin MacAlister. Byles took the ball on one foot then let fly with a 20-metre shot with the other that hit the roof of the net.

The game was over after this goal as Revesby took complete control and never let Ku-ring-gai get back on their feet.

Bobby Vidler, who had quite a good game scored the third goal 11 minutes from the end when his angled shot from near the corner flag hit Robbie Turner on the chest and deflected into the net.

Revesby stopper Lyle Pittman played a solid game in defence in a battle with talented Ku-ring-gai centre-forward Albert Kinsey who was a constant threat to Revesby.

For the losers, Kinsey and Mick West and Peter Vousden played rather well against a very well drilled Revesby.

Revesby Workers: Pearcell, Adams, K. Thorpe, Patterson, Pittman, Howard, G. Thorpe, Gill, MacAllister, Byles, Vidler.

Ku-ring-gai: Gilkes, Turner, Vousden, Birsell, Waters, Robertson, Lyle, West, Kinsey, Hammond, Beale.

On behalf of the NSW Soccer Federation, Executive member Peter Coleman presented the cups to the three grade final winners.

The second grade final was won by Melita Eagles 1-0 against Gladesville-Hornsby and the third grade final was won by Belmore 1-0 over Ku-ring-gai.

— C.S.

ASF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NEWCASTLE'S PSL BID

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Newcastle have three vital points in their favour in their bid for Philips League membership.

● Their application has been favorably received by the ASF Executive and referred on to the League management committee for the views of the clubs.

● The ASF have determined that only applications from cities **not** covered by the PSL to date will be considered.

● Philips Industries Ltd, the tournament sponsors, have indicated that they would meet the extra transport costs if Newcastle were admitted.

Philips have a particular interest in Newcastle, as it is the centre for their huge glass and lightware manufacturing plant.

Western Australia and Tasmania, outside the competition, will be given the chance to put a case if they wish.

The killer for Perth and the clubs which would have to visit them is the travelling distance either way.

It could not be accomplished unless the League was zoned, and even then it borders on the impossible.

Tasmania presumably lacks strength, finance and following.

AMATEURS TO GET MOVING

State Federations have been called upon to establish amateur committees, with a view to staging an Australian Amateur Championship in 1978.

Amateurs will be defined in the normal international sense, rather than extending to junior levels.

Selected State players must conform to the amateur rules of FIFA and the International Olympic Committee.

Thus qualified players may be reimbursed with expenses according to approved formulae, but players who have received signing-on payments and such will be excluded.

The ASF decision to move in this direction, although long delayed, is welcome and should herald Australia's appearance on the Olympic scene.

In addition it will encourage a class of player that has been overlooked, and who will in future contribute much to the game on and off the field.

— K.G.

Let's watch this Kuwait...

Kuwait last Sunday easily beat Hong Kong 3-1 in a World Cup match, held in Hong Kong.

This was Hong Kong's greatest home defeat so far.

On Sunday, in Seoul, South Korea will play Kuwait.

Weinstein is leader

ASF vice president Michael Weinstein will head up the Socceroo party for the coming World Cup trip to South Korea and Hong Kong.

Victorian Coaching Director Ron Smith has been appointed to assist Jim Shoulder on the tour.

As expected, the team doctor is Dr Brian Corrigan and the physiotherapist Peter Van Ryn.

The number of players to travel to Kuwait and Iran in late November and the strength of the administrative delegation will depend on the degree of success achieved by the Socceroos in their coming engagements.

All the World Cup games of Aust.

Australia's full record in the World Cup is:

1965: lost 1-6 to North Korea, in Phnom-Penh.
1965: lost 1-3 to North Korea, in Phnom-Penh.
1969: beat Japan 3-1, in Seoul.
1969: beat South Korea 2-1, in Seoul.
1969: drew with South Korea 1-1, in Seoul.
1969: drew with Japan 1-1, in Seoul.
1969: drew 1-1 with Rhodesia, in Lourenco-Marques.
1969: drew 0-0 with Rhodesia, in Lourenco-Marques.
1969: beat Rhodesia 3-1, in Lourenco-Marques.
1969: lost 0-1 to Israel, in Tel Aviv.
1969: drew 1-1 with Israel, in Sydney.
1973: drew 1-1 with New Zealand, in Auckland.
1973: beat Iraq 3-1, in Sydney.
1973: beat Indonesia 2-1, in Sydney.
1973: drew 3-3 with New Zealand, in Sydney.
1973: drew 0-0 with Iraq, in Melbourne.
1973: beat Indonesia 6-0, in Sydney.
1973: beat Iran 3-0, in Sydney.
1973: lost 0-2 to Iran, in Tehran.
1973: drew 0-0 with South Korea in Sydney.
1973: drew 2-2 with South Korea, in Seoul.
1973: beat South Korea 1-0, in Hong Kong.
1974: (Finals) lost 0-2 to East Germany in Hamburg.
1974: lost 0-3 to West Germany in Hamburg.
1974: drew 0-0 with Chile in Berlin.
1977: beat Taiwan 3-0 in Fiji.
1977: beat Taiwan 2-1 in Fiji.
1977: beat New Zealand 3-1 in Sydney.
1977: drew 1-1 with New Zealand in Auckland.
1977: beat Hong Kong 3-0 in Adelaide.
1977: lost 0-1 to Iran in Melbourne.
1977: beat 2-1 South Korea in Sydney.

Record — total

P	W	D	L	F	A
32	13	12	7	49	37

In Sydney:

P	W	D	L	F	A
9	6	3	—	23	8

In Adelaide:

P	W	D	L	F	A
1	1	—	—	3	—

In Melbourne:

P	W	D	L	F	A
2	—	1	1	—	1

Overseas:

P	W	D	L	F	A
20	6	8	6	23	28

FULL CAPS OF PRESENT SOCCEROOS

PLAYER	CLUB	PLAYED	IN WORLD CUP	SCORED
Peter Wilson	Wests	58	21	3
Attila Abonyi	Croatia	54	25	21
Jim Rooney	Marconi	41	17	2
Peter Ollerton	South Melbourne	24	9	10
Colin Bennett	Brisbane Lions	23	7	—
George Harris	St. George	22	7	—
Gary Byrne	Marconi	19	5	—
Dave Harding	Wests	18	5	2
Harry Williams	St. George	18	7	—
Jack Reilly	South Melbourne	15	3	—
Murray Barnes	Hakoah	15	3	2
John Nyskohus	Adelaide City	15	4	—
John Kosmina	West Adelaide	14	7	7
Jim Tansey	Fitzroy	4	—	—
Gary Marocchi	Adelaide City	4	—	—
Alan Maher	Marconi	4	2	—
Peter Stone	Wests	3	1	—
Peter Sharne	Marconi	1	1	—
David Jones	West Adelaide	—	—	—

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Also available are certain coaching and refereeing course expenses such as instructor-coaches travelling overseas for experience, together with fares to international congresses and visual aids.

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— K. G.

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